

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES AND MARGARET MORSE NICE AWARDS

Fuertes Awards are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists and students. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic institutions. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contribution to ornithological knowledge. Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the editor of *The Wilson Bulletin* for consideration.

Most of the statements applicable to the Fuertes Awards are also applicable to the Nice Award. However, the Nice Award is limited to applicants not associated with a college or university. It is intended to encourage the independent researcher without access to funds and facilities generally available at the college. High school students are eligible.

In some years two Fuertes Awards have been made, in some years, one. Amounts have been between \$200 and \$100. One Nice Award is made annually, in the amount of \$100.

Interested persons may write to Eugene S. Morton, National Zoological Park, Office of Zoological Research, Washington, D.C. 20008. Completed applications must be received by 15 March 1978. Final decisions will be made by the Council at the annual meeting of the Society, 4-7 May 1978.

FRANK M. CHAPMAN FUND

The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund gives grants in aid of ornithological research and also post-doctoral fellowships. While there is no restriction on who may apply, the Committee particularly welcomes and favors applications from graduate students; projects in game management and the medical sciences are seldom funded. Applications are due on 15 September and 15 February. Information on form and content of applications may be obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024.

1978 ANNUAL MEETING

The 59th annual meeting of The Wilson Ornithological Society will be held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, on 4-7 May 1978. The meeting will be hosted by the Brooks Bird Club, the Department of Wildlife Biology of West Virginia University, and West Virginia University. Information concerning lodging and field trips and abstract forms for submitted papers will be mailed to the membership early in 1978. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be 1 March 1978.

A special feature of the meeting will be a symposium titled, "Resource Use Strategies in Birds," to be held on the afternoon of Friday, 5 May. The symposium is organized by Dr. Elliot J. Tramer. The chairman of the local Committee is Dr. Robert Whitmore, Division of Forestry, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506.

INTERNATIONAL BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY SYMPOSIUM

The 1st International Birds in Captivity Symposium will be held in Seattle, Washington from 8-12 March 1978. Sessions will deal with husbandry, nutrition, medicine, sexing techniques, behavior, reproduction, and ornithological studies done in the wild. A panel discussion will be held after each topic session and there will be a special panel on conservation. All presented papers will be published after completion of the Symposium. For more information please write: Jan R. van Oosten, Chairman, IECF, 1008 James St., Seattle, WA 98104.

A SYMPOSIUM: ROLE OF INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS
IN FOREST ECOSYSTEMS

The role of insectivorous birds in forest ecosystems will be the theme of a symposium co-sponsored by Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU) School of Forestry and USDA Forest Service (USFS), Southern Forest Experiment Station, Nacogdoches, Texas. Conference chairmen are Dr. James C. Kroll (SFASU) and Dr. James G. Dickson (USFS). The symposium should provide a forum for exchange of current ideas between researchers and land managers. Tentative subject areas are: sampling bird populations, sampling prey populations, population dynamics of insectivorous birds, birds as biological control agents, and methods to increase bird populations.

Technical papers will be presented 13 and 14 July, and a field trip will be scheduled for the morning of 15 July.

Invited and volunteer papers selected for presentation by the editorial review board will be presented orally in abbreviated form and published in the symposium proceedings. Persons wishing to present a paper should submit manuscripts by 1 March 1978 to: Dr. James C. Kroll, P.O. Box 6109, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962.

OPINIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The following Opinions have been published recently by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, United Kingdom (see Bulletin Zoological Nomenclature Volume 34, part 1).

- 1078 (p. 14) *Anas punctata* Burchell, 1822 (Aves suppressed under the plenary powers.
1081 (p. 25) Addition of Family-Group Names based on *Alca* (Aves) and *Alces* (Mammalia) to the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

The Commission cannot supply separates of Opinions.